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SCHOOL ON WHEELS.

The latest educational innovation is an itinerant public school in a box car. The car belongs to the Southern Pacific railroad, and the children belong to the members of a section gang at work on the Los Angeles division.

Many of the workmen are accompanied by their families. The parents regretted the loss of educational advantages to their children, so Supt. Whalen fitted up a box car with benches and obtained a teacher. There are 25 or 30 pupils. They have regular public school work, together with lessons in Spanish. As the gang moves, the school moves with it, and everybody's satisfied. The superintendent is now making arrangements for a larger and more commodious building, consisting of an old passenger coach, equipped with seats and blackboards.

The poet Whittier used to dream of the time when there would be "a schoolhouse set on every hill." Maybe we'll soon have a school car on every siding.

NATIONALIZING AN EL DORADO.

An official decree just issued by Gen. Carranza has found its way to the United States and is causing heads of cold sweat to form upon the fevered brow of the oppressed capitalists who have about "hogged" the oil industry in Mexico. The decree concludes with the following very significant statement:

"The production of petroleum is to be exclusively a national matter. The industry shall hereafter be directed by the Mexican authorities for the benefit of the Mexican people."

Right or wrong, in a moral sense, Carranza has sure hit upon the solution of most of his problems. If he can obtain control of the producing wells, pipe lines, refineries and other sources of wealth belonging to the oil industry in Mexico, he will have a bonanza unequalled by any government in the world. If he turns this wealth back to the people, he may right half the wrongs from Mexico suffers.

Of course, the oil operators over here—John D. and his friends principally—will howl. They are already howling. One oil man remarks that the oil industry should be taken out of Mexican politics; that it has been back of all the fighting which has been going on in Mexico these past five years.

You bet it has. The enormously rich oil fields of Mexico were stolen from the people of Mexico. Diaz, and every temporary ruler—excepting Madero possibly—since Diaz, has granted rich concessions from which the government and the people have received but paltry returns.

But for the oil fields of Mexico there might never have been a revolution down there. American capital, British capital, German capital are rushed into Mexico to bribe and corrupt the rulers of Mexico and ravish the Mexican people of their choicest possession. If that capital now loses out there will be little sympathy wasted. We are not upholding Carranza in any unjust or arbitrary action. Even grafters have some rights, we presume.

But he is surely upon the right track in attempting to nationalize Mexico's oil industry.

AN ARGUMENT AGAINST KINGS.

Greece at last is entering the war. There is nothing left for her to do. She enters it without dignity and without honor. The allies have kicked her in.

Greece will presumably be found henceforth side by side with England, France, Serbia, Roumania and Russia while the war lasts. She will fight for herself and them. But she will probably fight with no great spirit, because she has lost her self-respect and outlived her first strong enthusiasm for the cause. She will get out of it what scraps she can; she may not hope to realize the ambitions for national expansion that she cherished two years ago. And it will take Greece long to outlive her present humiliation, however bravely and effectively she may fight.

It is not the Greek people that have brought this misfortune on their country at a time when the world was expecting Greece to reassert its ancient spirit. The Greek nation itself has plainly been eager from the first to stand with the powers that freed it from the Turkish yoke, keep its pledge to Serbia and fight for the principles of democracy and its place in the sun. There has been no cowardice, no duplicity discernible in the Greek population. If they have erred, it has been in over-conscientious loyalty to a king of alien origin and alien aims.

Constantine, son of the royal house of Denmark, son-in-law of the kaiser, and field marshal of the German army, has succeeded for two years in an unconstitutional course which defied the popular will, shamed the country and prevented the realization of its aspirations. At last the policy of Venizelos, the statesman who represents the true Greece, seems about to be carried out under Premier Zaimis. Constantine may lose his crown, as he deserves to, for his illegal usurpation of power and his virtual betrayal of Greece. Even

that will not suffice, however, to guarantee Greece what she would otherwise have won in territory, prestige and honor.

The history of Greece in the last two years is a powerful argument against kings.

RUSSIA HAS GOT GOING.

A returning American traveler from Russia gives an explanation of the wonderful recuperative powers Russia has shown.

His explanation is summed up in this one sentence, "Work, work everywhere and not a drop to drink."

Factories, not alone for the production of war munitions, but for the manufacture of textiles, agricultural implements and practically every known manufactured product, are springing up like mushrooms. New railroads are being built in all directions; old ones are being double-tracked. The peasants are being given work at good wages, and not being permitted to spend their earnings for vodka, they are putting them in the banks. Thus becoming a man of property, even in the smallest way, the peasant ceases to be an anarchist.

Russia is united as never before. With Roumania in the war Russia's road to Constantinople is open; its century old dream about to be realized.

Speaking of Russia's vast military resources this American says that not less than 8,000,000 soldiers have been splendidly equipped and sent to the front by Russia recently, and that 9,000,000 more are in training. He remarks on seeing ammunition boxes labelled "This ammunition is for use. There is plenty more behind."

Providence works in a mysterious way. The horror of this war has shocked humanity. But when the world pauses to consider what great and lasting good may come of the war, when the final chapter is written, it appears that, after all, it may be worth while. The awakening of Russia and the emancipation of its millions upon millions of people from the curse of drink, may almost square the account alone.

CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE COUNTRY.

The Chicago Tribune, by way of illustrating the new spirit of civic co-operation that is coming over rural communities in America, tells of some of the wholesome changes noticeable in Missouri.

Schoolhouses are becoming centers of social and educational life for the farmers and their families. The agricultural college is spreading information regarding soils, crops and live stock, and the farmers everywhere are availing themselves of it, with the result that their yields are larger. Friendly rivalry in production is now the rule in almost every community. There are traveling libraries that put good literature into the hands of tens of thousands to whom it was formerly inaccessible. Excellent musical organizations travel about the country districts giving concerts, and are liberally patronized and intelligently appreciated. In towns where half a dozen churches used to struggle vainly for existence, prosperous and influential community churches have appeared, gathering the whole church-going population under one roof.

Nobody is imposing culture on the Missouri farmers and villagers. There is assistance and co-operation from big urban centers, but the movement is largely due to the efforts of the rural communities themselves. The reforms are coming chiefly from within. And that is the most satisfactory thing about the whole business. "This awakened civic consciousness," says the Tribune, "of which the city dweller has heard little, is the forerunner of the spiritual force which is going to regenerate our rural communities, check the rush to the large centers by improving country life and make the latter more than ever preferable to existence in the congested cities."

THE UNREAD CODE.

A building in process of erection in Bronx borough, New York, collapsed, killing two men and injuring fifteen others. The answers of the contractor to the questions put at the joint inquiry of the district attorney and the coroner form one of the most entertaining pieces of testimony given on a witness stand in recent years.

Had the contractor used the standard formula for mixing mortar used? He did not even know there was a standard formula. His description of his method was that he used about one shovelful of cement to three shovelfuls of sand and lime, a recipe which produces a ridiculously inferior quality of mortar.

When it came to other specific requirements of the building code, the happy-go-lucky contractor simply hadn't read it. He had heard of a building code, but it would take time to read it, and he was always busy, and so he never bothered about it.

There were other deviations from the form. None of the beams were leveled. Bluestone templets were substituted for castiron. Light steel beams were used for strong ones.

It doesn't seem possible that violations so flagrant could have gone on without detection. But they did. Two men have gone to their death. Fifteen have been more or less seriously hurt. And all because a contractor was too busy to read the building code, and because he tried to save money at the expense of safety.

Who was to blame? It is easy to say, "The contractor, of course." And to a large extent he was, but how about those unthinking citizens of New York and other cities who are too busy to see that the laws which they have made are effectively enforced?

A NEW RECORD.

Sen. Charles A. Culberson has established a new record. In the Texas primary election of Aug. 25 he received just twice as big a majority as his campaign manager claimed in his pre-election forecast. But he ought to fire that campaign manager for sleeping on his post.

The president of the American section of the Theosophist society has discovered that Theodore Roosevelt is the reincarnation of Julius Caesar. Now if the gentleman kindly strip the 20th century mask off the reincarnated Brutus maybe the colonel will be duly grateful. 'Tis an awful bad time to have traitors hanging about in disguise.

The way leading California standpatters are now kindly congratulating Hiram Johnson would indicate that the big moose horned somebody pretty considerably. But don't leave your smoke house open nights, Hiram just the same.

The days when Wall st. could decree a panic have gone, never to return as long as the federal reserve law remains upon this government's statute books.

Bull Mooser Speaks
Out for Wilson On
Floor of Congress

Rep. James H. Mays of Utah in a speech delivered in congress Aug. 25, announced his intention of voting for Pres't Wilson. He left the republican party because he found it to be the servant of special interests and became one of the founders of the progressive party. He appealed to progressives to be true to themselves and refuse to be betrayed to the republican party.

"I want to compare," he stated, "the demands of the progressives with the actual performance of the party now in power. If it can be shown that the essential principles enunciated by that platform have been crystallized into legislation and if the progressives were sincere enough in their profession of interest in the supreme needs of the nation to care more for their country and for its people than for any party's success, then they will sustain the administration, lest their refusal to do so might cause the beneficial legislation to be repealed."

He took up the progressive platform of 1912 and showed that the Wilson administration has enacted practically all the progressive demands into legislation.

Progressives, he insisted, should support the party that has been tried and found true. The representatives of "the interests," he said, ruled the republican party in 1910 and 1912 and "rule it now with even more assurance and arrogance."

Rep. Mays said he had determined to join the democratic party "because the obituary of the progressive party seemed only postponed for trading purposes and because not a solitary ray of hope appeared of remedial legislation from the republican party in the interests of the people." And because the democratic party, under its leader, the president, had been offering a convincing proof of its sincere interest in the general good by putting on the statute books a program of wise and wholesome legislation.

FROM THE HUGHES LEXICON.
SECTIONALIST—Any one who was born or reared or is kin to any one born or reared south of Mason and Dixon's line.

BROADLY NATIONAL—Government by and for the benefit of the business interests of the northeastern section of the United States.

IGNORANT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTRY—Any man who is not a high protectionist vassal of the tariff barons.

COVER INTRIGUE—Wilson diplomacy.

OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD—Roosevelt fomenting the Panama "revolution" and Harrison aiding the sugar barons to seize Hawaii.

INEFFICIENT—Any one who ever voted for a democrat, especially if he were a southern democrat.

PREPAREDNESS—A "reasonable" standing army (not taken from civil life) and keeping the national guard at home to do police duty in quelling strike riots.

AMERICANISM—Angling for the votes of the hyphens—Baltimore Sun.

Political Notes

THAT NON-PARTISAN HUGHES LEAGUE.

Henry Lane Wilson, who was fired from his Mexican ambassadorship by Woodrow Wilson because the said Henry Lane tried to use his position to help make an assassin Mexican president, and for other good and sufficient reasons, has organized a "non-partisan Hughes league" in Indiana. William Holton Dye, the other man who also has a can dangling behind him, gives to Henry Lane his moral support in forming his league.

Henry Lane has let us all know that Woodrow Wilson did not handle the Mexican situation to suit Henry Lane and the wealthy friends in Wall st. with whom he became well acquainted while serving as ambassador to Mexico. At the first meeting of his "non-partisan" league he expressed regrets that we are not in the midst of a railroad strike, by denouncing Woodrow Wilson for stopping it.

This "non-partisan Hughes league" was to have been started several weeks ago, at the time when the progressives of Indiana tied the can to William Holton Dye, but he and Henry Lane could not find a democrat who would consent even to say he would vote for Hughes, and they had to have at least one to make it "non-partisan" in the Indianapolis newspapers.

They say they found a farmer the other day, who is from somewhere or other, and that he remembers that once he voted the democratic ticket. A meeting was speedily called, Joe Keating guaranteed the room rent from the Wall st. fund and the "non-partisan Hughes league" is at work. The league button will be a small tin can bearing a picture of Hughes and marked "the full dinner pail."

The "democratic farmer" says he is for Hughes because he is getting too much for his products under Wilson, and that he lived so long under republican prices that he can't stand so much prosperity.

LOU CALLS FOR BIG BULL.

"Loud calls for Theodore Roosevelt to herd the stray bull mooses have come to Chairman Will H. Hays' office in the last week or so from all over the state," says the Indianapolis Times.

Truly republicans are becoming alarmed at the outlook in Indiana as well as in the nation at large. They have tried to make a bold show

THE MELTING POT

FILLED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF

THE PARADE.

According to the plan on which our fellow man is made, He takes the most intense delight in forming a parade. When he is following the band augustly down the street His happiness is nearly ninety-nine per cent complete. He wears his apron or his ax, his plumage or his sword, And sprains his face endeavoring to look blase and bored.

A prominent position in the public's staring eye Is something which the most of us delight to occupy. We cannot run for congress and we cannot rule the land, We cannot paint a flagpole, play the tuba in the band Nor wear the pugilistic belt, but we are not dismayed, For each of us can find a place in some refined parade.

So mallets the throbbing drum and raise our lodge's flag; Let every step compose a stiff and consequential drag; Bring out your rows of cameras to snap the great event, If the proud procession of the happy mind of man was meant— A thing to stir the bosom of the palpitating maid When manly dignity and pride goes forth in grand parade.

A. B. B.

One of life's misfortunes is that no matter what we do we must labor or to do it. For instance the lazy man would not be lazy unless he got plenty of chance to practice being lazy.

Lot of people imagine we write this right off the real, we are so clever.

We do not, sometimes a neat thought or a clever poem, constitutes so many sleepless moments after going to bed.

For instance if we wanted to, that is if we dared to, our stuff would be like this every day.

We decide to comment on the war. So we say even a steam roller can go backwards, but we decide it's punk and cross it out.

Next we decide to figure out a poem, not having any Niles Barber stuff handy. So we start.

ALWAYS.
When the canning season is o'er, And the cellar's full of fruit, Why is sugar always lower? 'Tis a question that is moot.

Villa we see has.
Carranza is lost off the first page. We suppose he is hiding in the bushes.

Hughes is sure to be elected.
There is no use of counting the ballots.

Why is a housemaid like those allied aviators who raided the Belgian capital? Because they both swept over brussels.

The British king blames the German kaiser. Now it's up to the kaiser to blame.

Well it's all settled. Just who is going to be our next president is decided and there will be no need of counting the ballots in November.

E. J. M.

but there is such a woeful lack of interest in their cause that its difficult to keep up their whistling as they march to the last sad burial rites of the party in November.

With all the Wall st. money they spent to get up a big demonstration for the Fairbanks notification, the buying of band instruments, new drums, uniforms and music for some 18 or 19 bands, providing uniforms and hats for marching clubs, red fire for the parade, and all other things known to the old guard, Tomlinson hall was about one-third occupied to hear speakers declare war on the world in general.

This crowd was about in proportion to what all republican speakers are having everywhere in the state.

Progressives all over the state are coming in bunches to Wilson and Marshall and Kern and Taggart and the democratic congressmen and state ticket. So they are calling for Roosevelt in hope that he may do some good in at least reducing the majority against them. The colonel sees the handwriting and it is no secret that the defeat of Hughes will not cause him to lose any sleep. He can then tell them "I told you so."

JUST AN EXAMPLE.

One of the republican committeemen was out polling his precinct in the River Park district the other day and called at one home where father and four sons have never in their lives voted anything but a straight republican ticket. Every one of them registered as democrats.

"We will vote the national and state ticket from top to bottom." "Surely not," said the poll book man.

"Surely yes," said the father. "We are all at work, best wages we ever had, able to save money, can get our own money at the bank when we want it, never been so prosperous in all our lives, are thoroughly happy, have got it all under a democratic state and national administration, and we want no change."

"But democrats didn't bring the prosperity," said the earnest committeeman.

"We are sure the republicans didn't bring it," answered the wise head of the home, "and we are satisfied to give the democrats the credit and help them to keep it up. We like the brand of this prosperity."

"And the rent and grocery bills are paid," said the wife and mother.

The fact that so many families feel the same way about it is what is worrying the republicans who want the offices.

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